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SUBJ: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS - PRIVATE TALK WITH MOROKHOV

PNE MESSAGE NUMBER FORTY-EIGHT

1. IN CONVERSATION NOVEMBER 5 AT SPASO LUNCHEON WITH MOROKHOV AND TIMERBAEV, I REFERRED TO DISCUSSION AT PLENARY SAME MORNING (SEPTEL) CONCERNING EXCAVATION PNE'S. TO CLARIFY OUR VIEWS FURTHER ON THIS SUBJECT, I SAID WE SEE EXCAVATION PNE'S AS A CATEGORY WITH DISTINCTIVE FEATURES THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE FEATURES DISPLAYED BY CONTAINED PNE'S, AND THESE FEATURES SUGGEST TO US THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO BE SOMEWHAT LESS RESTRICTIVE ON YIELD IN OUR APPROACH TO EXCAVATION PNE'S.

2. I SAID THAT, WHEN WE RESUME MEETINGS AFTER A RECESS, DISCUSSION OF OBSERVER FUNCTIONS MUST BE A PART OF OUR CONSIDERATION REGARDING EXCAVATION PNE'S. IN THIS CONNECTION, I ASKED IF MOROKHOV FELT OBSERVER FUNCTIONS COULD BE DISCUSSED IN PLENARY OR WHETHER, AS HE HAD STATED IN PAST, HE WOULD PREFER THIS SUBJECT TO BE DISCUSSED ONLY IN RESTRICTED SESSION.

3. MOROKHOV REPLIED THAT SOVIET SIDE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN ANYTHING WE HAD TO SAY REGARDING FUNCTIONS  
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OF OBSERVERS, OR, AS SOVIETS PREFERRED TO SAY, "REPRESENTA-

TIVES." IF THIS MATTER COULD BE DISCUSSED IN CONTEXT OF SOVIET PROPOSAL REGARDING COOPERATIVE US-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON PNE'S, THEN THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM ABOUT CONSIDERING IT IN PLENARY. IF THIS WAS NOT THE CASE, THEN SOVIETS WOULD NOT BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS FUNCTIONS OF OBSERVERS, ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD LISTEN TO WHATEVER WE HAD TO SAY ON THE SUBJECT.

4. IN ONE-ON-ONE MEETING WITH MOROKHOV LATER IN AFTERNOON, I REFERRED TO HIS STATEMENT IN MORNING PLENARY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS AND EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND SAID HIS MEANING WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY REGARDING INTENT OF HIS STATEMENT, MOROKHOV SAID THAT HE WISHED TO INDICATE THAT EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS CONTAINED NO RPT NO LIMITATIONS RELATING TO EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS WITH EXCEPTION OF PROVISIONS OF LTBT TO EFFECT THAT NUCLEAR MATERIALS SHOULD NOT BE TRANSPORTED ACROSS INTERNATIONAL FRONTIERS. MOROKHOV SAID THAT SOVIETS HAVE NO RPT NO INTENTION OF VIOLATING THIS PROVISION. HE REITERATED, HOWEVER, THAT OTHERWISE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS DO NOT LIMIT EXCAVATION EXPLOSIONS.

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